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'Master Of Deceit'

Editor of The Bee--Sir: Once more the Nixon administration is proving to be inconsistent in the information they give the American public and newsmen. One of countless examples is the invasion of Laos, where the enemy knew what was coming, but the American public and newsmen did not.

The military machine in Washington and Saigon is so powerful they are able to channel whatever information suits their purpose to the American public and newsmen.

As we now know, the CIA was in Laos years before the Vietnam army invaded Laos.

The administration says there are no American combat forces in either Laos or Cambodia, yet the bomber pilots, fighter pilots, helicopter gunship pilots, plus the intelligence teams, advisers and maintenance crews on the ground are part of American combat forces. To split hairs when it suits their purpose is making the credibility gap worse than ever.

The political analysts say President Johnson was a master of persuasion; they should call President Nixon a master of deceit.

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